

## Message Text

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R 011450Z AUG 78  
FM AMEMBASSY ROME  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4597  
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, IT  
SUBJ: CIVAIR: CHANGE OF GAUGE

REF: STATE 187278

1. ITALIAN OFFICIALS, SCHOLARS, AND JOURNALISTS KNOWLEDGEABLE  
IN CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY SPEECHES,  
ARTICLES, OR STUDIES ADDRESSING SUBJECT OF CHANGE OF GAUGE.  
TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE, ONLY US AIRLINES ENGAGE IN  
THIS PRACTICE.

2. MFA OFFICIAL PEITROSANTO STATED THAT FRENCH HAD RAISED  
ISSUE IN THE ECAC WITH REGARD TO THE PAN AM CHANGE OF GAUGE ON  
THE WEST COAST-LONDON-PARIS FLIGHT. ACCORDING TO PIETROSANTO,  
A SIMILAR PROBLEM ARISES ON A TWA FLIGHT WITH FINAL DESTINATION  
ROME WHICH CHANGES GAUGE BY SWITCHING FROM A 707 TO A 747  
IN FRANKFURT. ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OPPOSES CHANGE OF GAUGE BUT  
BECAUSE US-ITALIAN AIR AGREEMENT IS SILENT ON THIS POINT THE  
CHANGE OF GAUGE IS ALLOWED. PIETROSANTO STATED ITALIAN  
GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKELY SUPPORT THE FRENCH IN THE ECAC TO REGULATE  
OR ELIMINATE THE CHANGE OF GAUGE PRACTICE. HOLMES

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